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Victorian State elections: 5 May 1979

New Ministry

A triennial election for the Legislative Council and a general election for the Legislative Assembly of the Victorian Parliament were held conjointly on 5 May 1979. The 64th Ministry, led by the Hon. Rupert James Hamer, E.D., was subsequently formed and consisted of the following members:

VICTORIA—64th MINISTRY

From the Legislative Assembly

The Hon. R.J. Hamer, E.D.	Premier and Minister for State Development, Decentralization and Tourism
The Hon. L.H.S. Thompson, C.M.G.	Treasurer, Chief Secretary, and Minister for Police and Emergency Services
The Hon. J.C.M. Balfour	Minister for Minerals and Energy
The Hon. W.A. Borthwick	Minister of Health
The Hon. I.W. Smith	Minister of Agriculture
The Hon. B.J. Dixon	Minister of Housing and Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation
The Hon. R.R.C. Maclellan	Minister of Transport
The Hon. W. Jona	Minister for Community Welfare Services
The Hon. J.H. Ramsay	Minister of Labour and Industry and Minister of Consumer Affairs
The Hon. T.L. Austin	Minister of Public Works and Minister for Property and Services
The Hon. L.S. Lieberman	Minister for Planning and Assistant Minister of Health
The Hon. A.R. Wood	Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs
The Hon. N. Lacy	Minister of the Arts and Assistant Minister of Education

From the Legislative Council

The Hon. A.J. Hunt	Minister of Education
The Hon. Haddon Storey, Q.C.	Attorney-General and Minister for Federal Affairs
The Hon. D.G. Crozier	Minister for Local Government
The Hon. W.V. Houghton	Minister for Conservation, Minister of Lands, and Minister of Soldier Settlement
The Hon. F.J. Granter	Minister of Water Supply and Minister of Forests

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Members of the Victorian Parliament*Political parties*

Members elected to the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly at the elections held on 5 May 1979 and the Provinces or Districts they represent are shown below.

Political party affiliations are indicated thus:

- (ALP) Australian Labor Party
 (LP) Liberal Party
 (NP) National Party of Australia (Victoria)

Legislative Council

VICTORIA—LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL: MEMBERS ELECTED
 5 MAY 1979

Member	Province
Baxter, Hon. William Robert (NP)	North Eastern
Baylor, Hon. Hilda Gracia (LP)	Boronia
Block, Hon. Peter David (LP)	Nunawading
Bubb, Hon. Clive (LP)	Ballarat
Butler, Hon. Clyde Algernon Surtees (ALP)	Thomastown
Campbell, Hon. William Montgomery (LP)	East Yarra
Coxsedge, Hon. Joan (ALP)	Melbourne West
Crozier, Hon. Digby Glen (LP)	Western
Grimwade, Hon. Frederick Sheppard (LP)	Central Highlands
Hayward, Hon. Donald Keith (LP)	Monash
Houghton, Hon. William Vasey (LP)	Templestowe
Hunt, Hon. Alan John (LP)	South Eastern
Kennedy, Hon. Cyril (ALP)	Waverley
Kent, Hon. Daniel Eric (ALP)	Chelsea
Lawson, Hon. Robert (LP)	Higinbotham
Long, Hon. Richard John (LP)	Gippsland
Mackenzie, Hon. Roderick (ALP)	Geelong
Radford, Hon. John William (LP)	Bendigo
Sgro, Hon. Giovanni Antonio (ALP)	Melbourne North
Walker, Hon. Evan Herbert (ALP)	Melbourne
White, Hon. David Ronald (ALP)	Doutta Galla
Wright, Hon. Kenneth Irving (NP)	North Western

Legislative Assembly

VICTORIA—LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY: MEMBERS ELECTED
 5 MAY 1979

Member	District
Amos, Derek Godfrey Ian (ALP)	Morwell
Austin, Hon. Thomas Leslie (LP)	Ripon
Balfour, Hon. James Charles Murray (LP)	Narracan
Birrell, Hayden Wilson (LP)	Geelong West
Borthwick, Hon. William Archibald (LP)	Monbulk
Brown, Alan John (LP)	Westernport
Burgin, Cecil William (LP)	Polwarth
Cain, John (ALP)	Bundoora
Cathie, Ian Robert (ALP)	Carrum
Chambers, Mrs Joan Heywood (LP)	Ballarat South
Coghill, Dr Kenneth Alastair (ALP)	Werribee
Coleman, Charles Geoffrey (LP)	Syndal
Collins, Peter Charles (LP)	Noble Park
Cox, George Henry (LP)	Mitcham
Crabb, Steven Marshall (ALP)	Knox

VICTORIA—LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY: MEMBERS ELECTED
5 MAY 1979—continued

Member	District
Crellin, Maxwell Leslie (LP)	Sandringham
Culpin, John Albert (ALP)	Glenroy
Dixon, Hon. Brian James (LP)	St Kilda
Dunstan, Hon. Roberts Christian, D.S.O. (LP)	Dromana
Ebery, William Thomas (LP)	Midlands
Edmunds, Cyril Thomas (ALP)	Ascot Vale
Ernst, Graham Keith (ALP)	Geelong East
Evans, Alexander Thomas (LP)	Ballarat North
Evans, Bruce James (NP)	Gippsland East
Fogarty, William Francis (ALP)	Sunshine
Fordham, Robert Clive (ALP)	Footscray
Gavin, Peter Murray (ALP)	Coburg
Ginifer, John Joseph (ALP)	Keilor
Hamer, Hon. Rupert James, E.D. (LP)	Kew
Hann, Edward James (NP)	Rodney
Hayes, Hon. Geoffrey Phillip (LP)	Wantirna
Hockley, Gordon Stanley, J.P. (ALP)	Bentleigh
Jasper, Kenneth Stephen (NP)	Murray Valley
Jolly, Robert Allen (ALP)	Dandenong
Jona, Hon. Walter (LP)	Hawthorn
Kennett, Jeffrey Gibb (LP)	Burwood
King, Kevin Francis (ALP)	Springvale
Kirkwood, Carl (ALP)	Preston
Lacy, Hon. Norman (LP)	Warrandyte
Lieberman, Hon. Louis Stuart (LP)	Benambra
Mathews, Charles Race Thorson (ALP)	Oakleigh
McArthur, Peter Stewart (LP)	Ringwood
McCance, Keith Robert (LP)	Bennettswood
McClure, Daryl Hedley Robert (LP)	Bendigo
McGrath, William Desmond (NP)	Lowan
McInnes, Neil Malcolm (NP)	Gippsland South
McKellar, Donald Kelso (LP)	Portland
Mackinnon, Donald James (LP)	Box Hill
Maclellan, Hon. Robert Roy Cameron (LP)	Berwick
Miller, Robert Henry (ALP)	Prahran
Patrick, Mrs Jeannette Tweeddale (LP)	Brighton
Plowman, Hon. Sidney James (LP)	Evelyn
Ramsay, Hon. James Halford (LP)	Balwyn
Remington, Keith Henry (ALP)	Melbourne
Reynolds, Thomas Carter (LP)	Gisborne
Richardson, John Ingles (LP)	Forest Hill
Roper, Thomas William (ALP)	Brunswick
Ross-Edwards, Peter (NP)	Shepparton
Rowe, Barry John (ALP)	Essendon
Sidiropoulos, Theo (ALP)	Richmond
Simmonds, James Lionel (ALP)	Reservoir
Simpson, John Hamilton (ALP)	Niddrie
Skeggs, Bruce Albert Edward (LP)	Ivanhoe
Smith, Aurel V. (LP)	South Barwon
Smith, Hon. Ian Winton (LP)	Warrnambool
Spyker, Peter Cornelius (ALP)	Heatherton
Stirling, Gordon Francis (ALP)	Williamstown
Tanner, Edgar Miles Ponsonby (LP)	Caulfield
Templeton, Thomas William, J.P. (LP)	Mentone
Thompson, Hon. Lindsay Hamilton Simpson, C.M.G. (LP)	Malvern
Toner, Mrs Pauline Therese (ALP)	Greensborough
Trewin, Thomas Campion (NP)	Benalla
Trezise, Neil Benjamin (ALP)	Geelong North
Vaughan, Dr Gerard Marshall (ALP)	Glenhuntly

VICTORIA—LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY: MEMBERS ELECTED
5 MAY 1979—*continued*

Member	District
Walsh, Ronald William (<i>ALP</i>)	Albert Park
Weideman, Graeme, J.P. (<i>LP</i>)	Frankston
Whiting, Milton Stanley (<i>NP</i>)	Mildura
Wilkes, Frank Noel (<i>ALP</i>)	Northcote
Williams, Morris Thomas (<i>LP</i>)	Doncaster
Wilton, John Thomas (<i>ALP</i>)	Broadmeadows
Wood, Hon. Alan Raymond (<i>LP</i>)	Swan Hill

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Parliamentary elections

Legislative Assembly

At the Legislative Assembly election held on 5 May 1979 there were contests in all the eighty-one Electoral Districts. In sixty-nine of these contests, more than two candidates were engaged.

In thirty-six of these sixty-nine contests the successful candidate had an absolute majority of the total first preferences recorded and consequently no distribution of further preferences was necessary. After the necessary distribution of second or subsequent preferences had been completed in the other thirty-three contests, the leading candidate on the first count was elected in thirty-one instances but was defeated in the remaining two instances.

The following table shows the voting in general elections for the Legislative Assembly held on 5 May 1979:

VICTORIA—VOTING AT GENERAL ELECTIONS FOR THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Year of election	Whole State		Contested Districts			
	Electors enrolled	Electors enrolled	Votes recorded		Informal votes	
			Number	Percentage of votes	Number	Percentage of total votes recorded
1979	2,350,407	2,350,407	2,193,037	93.30	66,016	3.10

NOTE. Detailed statistics are available in publications issued by the Chief Electoral Officer for Victoria.

The following table shows certain particulars of the representation in the Legislative Assembly at the general election held on 5 May 1979:

VICTORIA—PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATION IN THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Year of election	Number of members of Legislative Assembly	Estimated population at March quarter 1979 (a)	Average population per member	Number of electors enrolled on date of election	Average number of electors per member	Proportion of persons enrolled to total population
1979	81	p3,847,400	47,499	2,350,407	29,017	per cent 61.09

(a) All estimates include adjustments for census under-enumeration.

Legislative Council

At the periodical election held on 5 May 1979 there were contests in all Provinces and in thirteen of them more than two candidates were engaged.

In four of these thirteen contests the successful candidate had an absolute majority of the total first preferences recorded and consequently no distribution of further preferences

was necessary. After the necessary distribution of second or subsequent preferences had been completed in the other nine contests, the leading candidate on the first count was elected in seven instances but was defeated in the remaining two instances.

The following table shows the voting at the periodical election for the Legislative Council held on 5 May 1979:

VICTORIA—VOTING AT ELECTIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Year of election	Whole State		Contested Provinces			
	Electors enrolled	Electors enrolled	Votes recorded		Informal votes	
			Number	Percentage of votes	Number	Percentage of total votes recorded
1979	2,350,407	2,350,407	2,191,128	93.22	77,361	3.53

NOTE. Detailed statistics are available in publications issued by the Chief Electoral Officer for Victoria.

INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS

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National Wage Cases, 1978-79

The increases in the Consumer Price Index for the June quarter 1978 and September quarter 1978 were 2.1 per cent and 1.9 per cent, respectively. Taking in all the circumstances and the general desire for the continuance of an orderly system of centralised wage fixation, together with the fact that there had been a change to six-monthly indexation, the December national wage decision was that all award wages and salaries should be increased by 4 per cent.

The increases in the Consumer Price Index for the December quarter 1978 and March quarter 1979 were 2.3 per cent and 1.7 per cent, respectively. Before announcing its June decision, the Full Bench stated that the actions and attitudes of various participants in the wage indexation system were incompatible with its effective operation and forced it to the conclusion that the system of wage fixation was not working. It therefore called a Conference of all parties and interveners to consider as a matter of urgency whether indexation had a future. In view of the statistical problems associated with making fine adjustments for earnings drift, the effects of industrial disputes, and the movement in oil prices due to excise, and in view of the proposed Conference, the decision was to increase all award wages and salaries by 3.2 per cent.

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